

Beck May Be Indicted for Income Tax Violation, His Attorney Says

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Washington — U.P. — Dave Beck's attorney said today he expects the Teamster Union boss to be indicted for income tax violation "at any time now."

The attorney, Arthur D. Condon, told the United Press he believes a federal grand jury in Seattle will act soon against Beck, who said he has been warned he faces income tax prosecution.

However, in Seattle, Federal Dist. Atty. Charles Moriarty said he knew of no forthcoming indictment against Beck. He said a regular federal grand jury will be summoned in June "in the normal course of events."

The Internal Revenue service refused to comment on whether it plans to act against the burly Teamster boss. A spokesman said only that action against anyone is customarily taken in the district where the individual pays taxes. For Beck, this is Seattle.

Committee Takes Breather
Beck gave his tax troubles as the reason for dodging 117 times behind the Fifth Amendment in two days as the Senate Rackets committee charged he took more than \$322,000 from Teamster Union funds and still owes more than \$50,000 to the nation's biggest union.

The belligerent Beck said repeatedly a truthful answer to what he did with union funds

might tend to incriminate him. Beck, excused as a witness while the committee took a two-week breather, headed for Seattle today and the palatial home which plays a big part in his troubles with the Internal Revenue service and the rackets committee.

He bore the grim promise of Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) that the committee will do its best to punish him for "utter contempt" of Congress.

McClellan, who said "proper propriety" prevented him from expressing his real opinion of Beck, seared the paunchy union boss with an angry concluding statement at the close of Wednesday's hearing.

Executive Council Meets
He said Beck had shown "arrogant contempt for the million and a half members of honest laboring people in the Teamsters' Union . . . flagrant disregard and disrespect for honest and reputable unionism . . . and utter contempt for this committee, for the Congress of the United States and for his government."

The chairman sent a copy of Beck's testimony to the Justice department—and said the Internal Revenue service could have one too if it was interested. Beck faced yet another hazard. The AFL-CIO executive council meets here Friday to consider what action to take against the Teamster boss for his alleged misuse of union

funds and for invoking the Fifth Amendment.

The council adopted a policy statement in February that any union official who invokes the Fifth Amendment has no place as a union leader. Walter P. Reuther, No. 2 man in the AFL-CIO and a council member, has indicated he will demand Beck's removal as a council member and AFL-CIO vice president.

Will Seek Re-election
Beck's place at the head of his 1,500,000-member union, however, is strictly up to the Teamsters themselves. Their next convention is in September. Beck has declared he will put his case in his membership's hands by standing for re-election.

Rep. Stewart L. Udall (D-Ariz.) urged members of Beck's union Wednesday to oust Beck and Western Teamster official Frank Brewster, who has figured in earlier committee hearings. Udall sent telegrams to all Teamster locals in Arizona saying

such action would be "a healthy demonstration of the basic honesty of the rank and file of the labor movement."

Committee Council Robert F. Kennedy said Beck had been under income tax investigation since 1954. Kennedy told the committee that this set off some of Beck's big-money maneuvers to restore funds he had taken from Teamster treasuries.

Attorney Condon, who sat beside Beck during two days of drama-packed hearings in place of his mentioned chief counsel, former Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.), said a grand jury would have to act within "the next month or so, because of the statute of limitations."

The committee began a fortnight recess today, while it prepared for new investigations, probably involving Teamster activities in Scranton, Pa., and the Teamsters and Building Trades Unions in the New York area.



IN HOT WATER—Teamster Boss Dave Beck (right), shown conferring with his attorney, Arthur D. Condon, as he took the witness stand in Washington before the Senate labor rackets committee, refused on grounds of possible self-incrimination to answer charges that he "may have misappropriated" \$320,000 in union funds. Beck is the first top union official to invoke the Fifth Amendment before the committee. Walter P. Reuther, United Auto Workers president and AFL-CIO vice president, has said that Beck should be removed from the AFL-CIO's 29-member ruling body if he invoked the Fifth Amendment.

IWA Board Supports Union's George Meany

Portland — U.P. — The executive board of the International Woodworkers of America, meeting here yesterday, voiced support of AFL-CIO president George Meany and called for a continued effort to oust "the corrupt element and racketeers" in the labor movement.

The board, representing some 100,000 union members, issued a statement which said:

"We commend the AFL-CIO ethical practice committee for its dedicated and fearless work. We support the action of the executive council as necessary and proper for the maintenance of organized labor as a chief bulwark of American democracy."

APPOINTMENT MADE

Salem — U.P. — Appointment of Clell Harris, 49-year-old Portland labor leader, to the Port of Portland commission, was announced late yesterday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

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Labor Group May Probe Meeting

Washington — U.P. — The Senate Labor Rackets committee may conduct an investigation into a meeting in Portland Tuesday night at which a Teamster union member charged that union officers attempted to get him to retract statements he made earlier criticizing union officials and the organization.

Counsel for the committee, Robert Kennedy, said he learned of the meeting at which Harry Federspiel contends he was "third degree" by officers. Kennedy had said earlier that the committee will not stand still for any retaliatory action taken against a Teamster member who voices support of the committee hearings.

Federspiel last week circulated a petition and obtained about 300 signatures asking removal from office "of any Teamster official found guilty of racketeering or misuse of union funds."

Lew Cornelius, secretary of Teamsters union local 162 here, said that it was not Federspiel's circulation of the petition that stirred the ire of the executive board but statements he made in public.

Federspiel faces possible expulsion from the union as a result of what the officers said was a violation of the union's constitution.

Boys Play Hookey For Six Months

Oklahoma City — U.P. — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Linville discovered Wednesday that, although their two sons always left home for school, they never quite made it to classes.

For the past six and one-half months, Ora Lee Linville, 14, and Jerry Don, 13, had been living a Tom Sawyer-Huckleberry Finn life in a cave on a creek near a park playground during school hours.

Their adventure started last September. The hookey-playing spree ended Wednesday when police officers investigated a report that two boys had been lingering around the cave. They found Ora Lee and Jerry sitting contentedly in front of a wood fire.

The older boys said they spent the mornings exploring and in the afternoons, "we'd just sit and watch the sky or the creek until school was out."

The boys said they picked up enough gossip from students to tell their parents convincing stories about their activities at Southeast High.

Portland Union Official Surrenders

Portland — U.P. — Frank Malloy, business agent for a Portland local of the Teamsters union, yesterday surrendered for service of a warrant on an indictment returned by the vice-probing county grand jury.

The charge against Malloy alleged conspiracy to commit the felony of extortion in connection with an alleged scheme to control the pinball industry in Portland.

Clyde C. Crosby, international teamster representative in Oregon, was indicted on a similar charge by the same grand jury and surrendered himself Tuesday.

The indictments against Malloy and Crosby were two of the seven secret indictments returned by the grand jury Monday.

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